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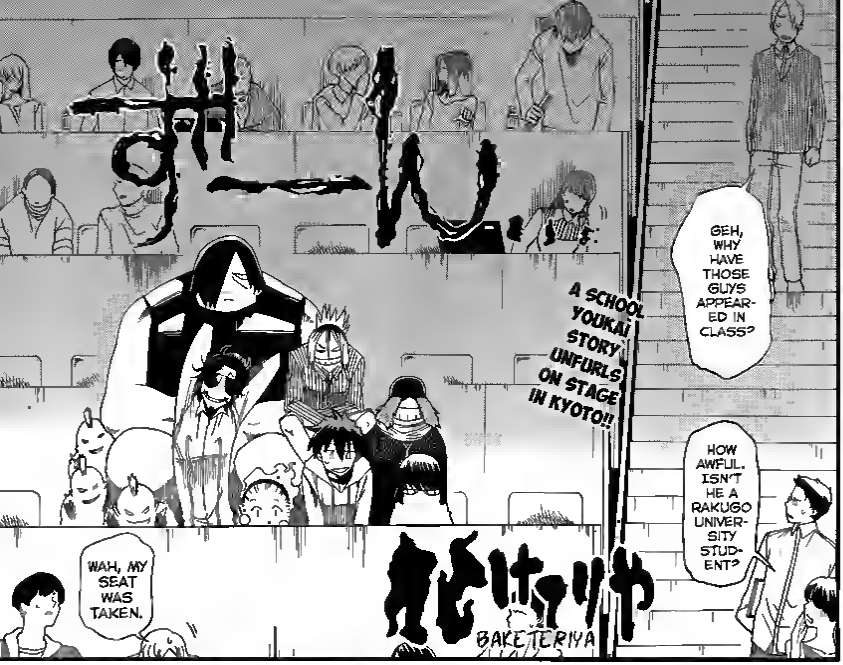
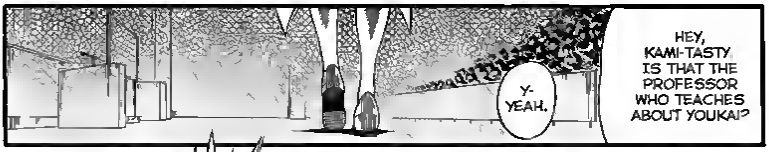

A SCHOOL YOUKAI STORY UNFURLS ON STAGE IN KYOTO!!
GEH, WHY HAVE THOSE GUYS APPEARED IN CLASS?
HOW AWFUL. ISN'T HE A RAKUGO UNIVERSITY STUDENT?
WAH, MY SEAT WAS TAKEN.
BAKETERIYA


HEY, KAMI-TASTY IS THAT THE PROFESSOR WHO TEACHES ABOUT YOUKAI?
Y-YEAH.

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS...
BY ALL MEANS, MISS PROFESSOR...
PLEASE, TELL US SOMETHING WE DON'T ALREADY KNOW.

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BAKE TERIYA

OTU HAUNTING YOUKAI SPECIAL CLASS

TAKAHASHI YOSHIYUKI

3巻発売中!!

SEVEN MORE HAUNTING YOUKAI LESSONS!

YOUKAI DON'T EXIST.
YOUKAI CAN'T BE EXPLAINED BY SCIENCE. THEORIZING THE PHENOMENON,
THEY'RE THINGS SPREAD ABOUT TO INSTILL FEAR AND RESPECT FOR NATURE.
WHA-
WHA-
WHA-
WHA-
WHA-
QUIET DOWN OVER THERE!
IT'S SO NICE TO BE THAT SURE OF YOURSELF, HMM?
NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT NOW
YOU LEFT OUT ALL THE STUFF ABOUT US NOT EXISTING!
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT PROFESSOR?!

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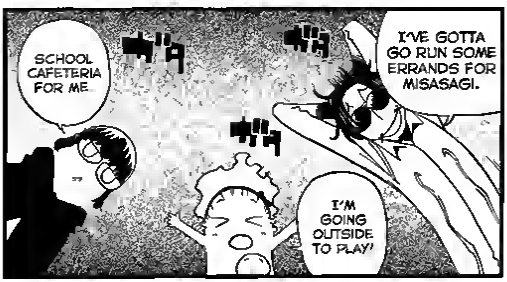
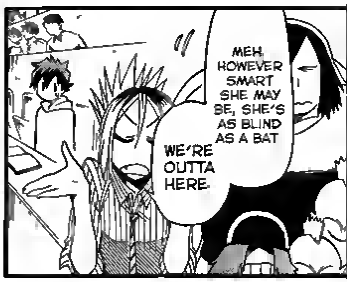
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR MAYU KOKUBO,
HEAD OF CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY.
AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE.
A CHILD GENIUS.


I'VE GOTTA GO RUN SOME ERRANDS FOR MISASAGI.
SCHOOL CAFETERIA FOR ME.
I'M GOING OUTSIDE TO PLAY!


MEH. HOWEVER SMART SHE MAY BE, SHE'S AS BLIND AS A BAT
WE'RE OUTTA HERE.

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Well, that's fine It's better this way
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WHAT WAS THAT?

KOKUBO SENSEI?!
!?
SHE'S MUMBLING?
MUMBLE MUMBLE
WHY DID SHE COLLAPSE ALL OF A SUDDEN?

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OH, SHE WOKE UP.
EEEH?! DON'T TELL ME... SHE'S ASLEEP?!
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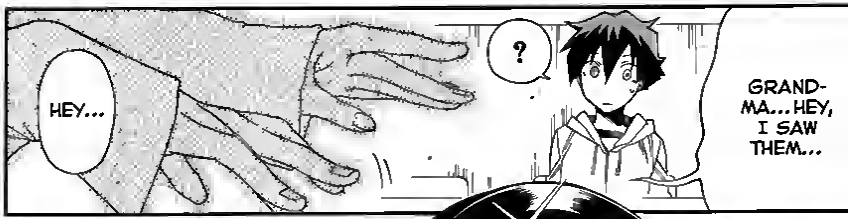
HEY...
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GRAND-MA... HEY, I SAW THEM...

I SAW YOUKAI LIKE THESE!!

WH-WHAT'S THAT?
SHE'S HALF ASLEEP, ISN'T SHE?
DRAW THEM OUT WITH NOISE, AND THEY'LL GO RUNNING WITH SPIRIT
WHAT'S MORE, I MEET YOUKAI IN MY DREAMS.
They're this big!
DIDN'T SHE JUST DENY THEIR EXISTENCE?
BUT HEY, GRANDMA...
THE TRUTH IS THAT YOUKAI---
ARE AT THIS UNIVERSITY.
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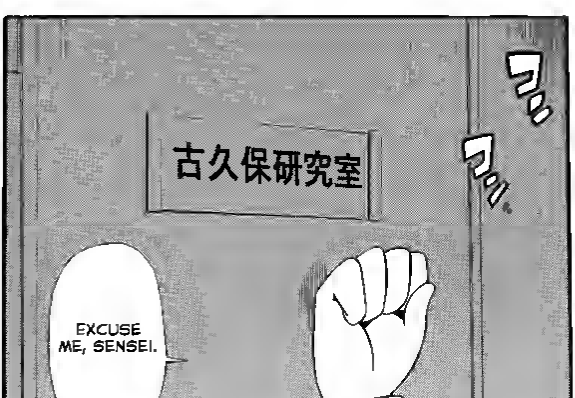
AT THE UNIVERSITY? HAHA...
THAT'S TOO BIG A LEAP
THIS IS ALL A JOKE, HUH?



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WHAT IN THE WORLD IS WITH HER...?

SFX: ZZZZ..
SLEEPING AGAIN...

EH...?

NO...
WHY IS SHE CRYING ...?
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DON'T LEAVE ME!!
!?
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AH...
NO, I FELL ASLEEP AGAIN!
HUH?
ARE YOU OKAY?
SORRY.
I HAD A PLEASANT DREAM,
BUT WHEN I WAKE UP, I GET A STRONG FEELING OF LONELINESS.
WHEN I WAS A CHILD, MY GRANDMOTHER WOULD TELL ME A YOUKAI TALE EVERY NIGHT.
ZASHIKI WARASHI,* *AMANOJAKU,
OTHER MONSTERS FROM FOLKLORE, NOPPERABO, NURARIHYON...
THEY WOULD ALL COME OUT IN DREAMS. IT WAS SO MUCH FUN.
AND THAT'S HOW I GOT HOOKED ON YOUKAI.

*TLN: KIND OF YOUKAI THAT PEOPLE TRY TO ATTRACT TO THEIR HOMES. SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE THEY GUARD THE HOME THEY LIVE IN

**PERVERSE DEMON IN JAPANESE LEGENDS

LATELY I'VE GOTTEN INTO THE HABIT OF JUST FALLING ASLEEP WITHOUT WARNING
NO, I MUSTN'T !!!

SENSEI! YOU'RE FALLING ASLEEP AGAIN!
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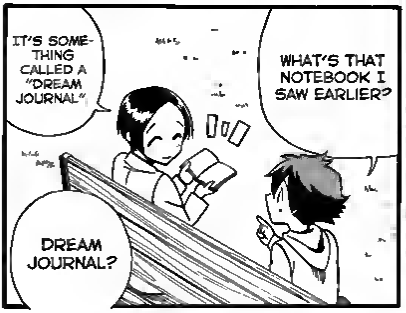
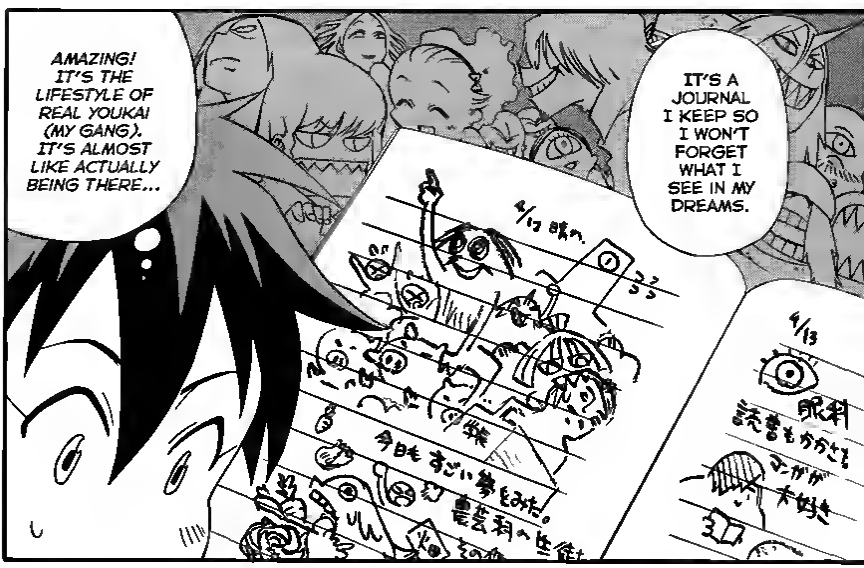

IT'S SOMETHING CALLED A "DREAM JOURNAL"
WHAT'S THAT NOTEBOOK I SAW EARLIER?
DREAM JOURNAL?


AMAZING! IT'S THE LIFESTYLE OF REAL YOUKAI (MY GANG). IT'S ALMOST LIKE ACTUALLY BEING THERE...
IT'S A JOURNAL I KEEP SO I WON'T FORGET WHAT I SEE IN MY DREAMS.
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BUT...

SENSEI, YOU'VE NEVER MET A YOUKAI BEFORE?
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IN MY HEAD, I KNOW THAT YOUKAI DON'T EXIST.

JUST A LITTLE,
I FEEL LIKE THEY'RE REAL.

TEE-HEE-HEE... KIDS STUFF... THOUGH I KNOW THEY'RE NOT REAL--
THEY EXIST!!
YES!
LET'S GO LOOK!!
THEY ABSOLUTELY DO EXIST!! I MEAN, THEY'RE OUT THERE! LET'S GO FIND THEM!
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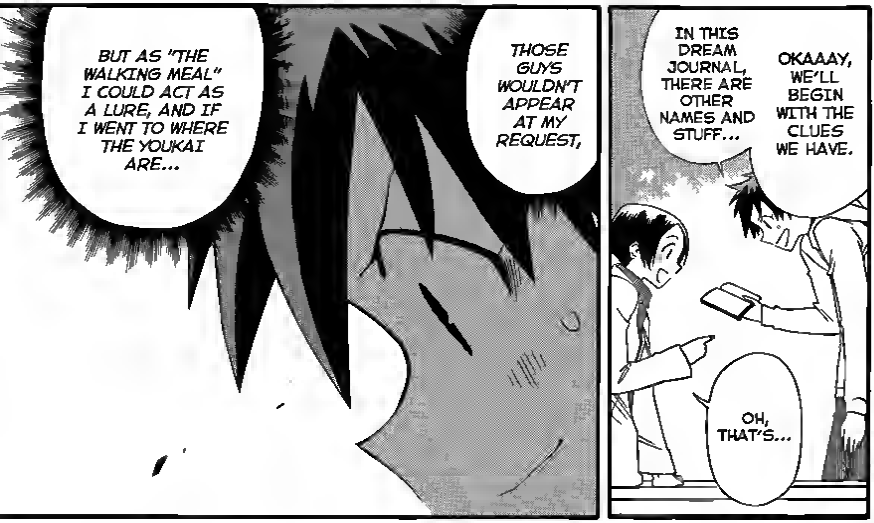
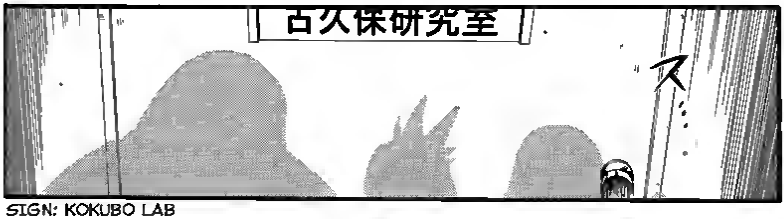

BUT AS "THE WALKING MEAL" I COULD ACT AS A LURE, AND IF I WENT TO WHERE THE YOUKAI ARE...
THOSE GUYS WOULDN'T APPEAR AT MY REQUEST,
IN THIS DREAM JOURNAL, THERE ARE OTHER NAMES AND STUFF...
OKAAAY, WE'LL BEGIN WITH THE CLUES WE HAVE.
OH, THAT'S...



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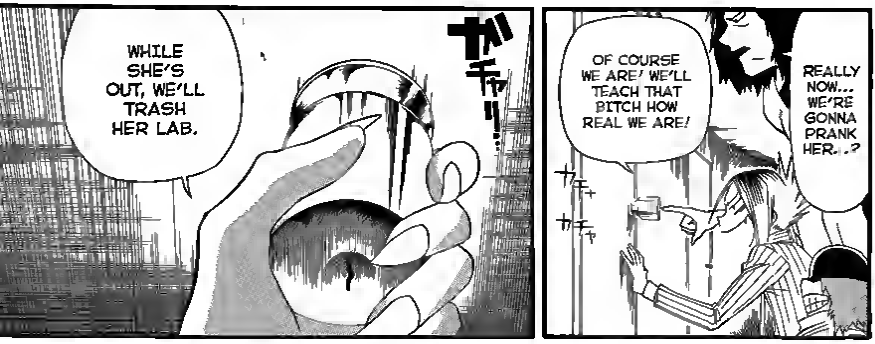

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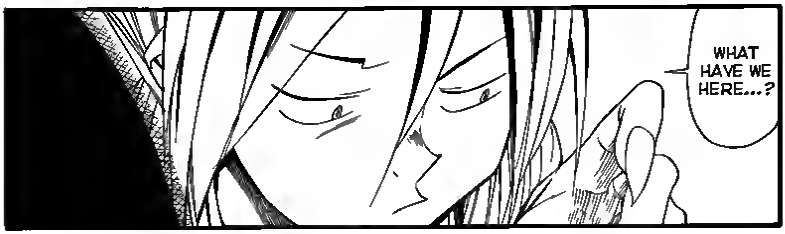
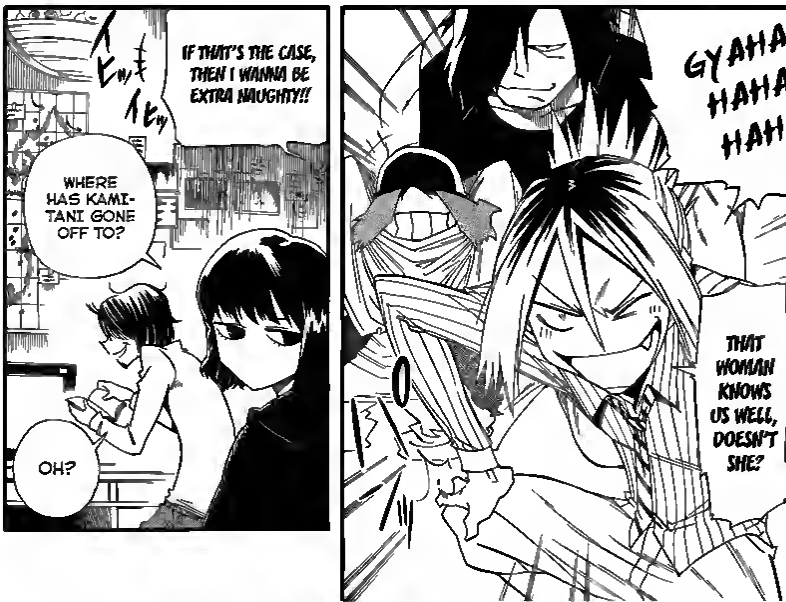
WHAT THE FUCK?! THERE'S NOTHIN' BUT YOUKAI SHIT IN HERE.
IT'S KIND OF DUSTY, AND RATHER COZY.
THERE'S MANGA TOO...


WHAT HAVE WE HERE...?

I'M HERE TOO.
HAHA... AWESOME.
HEY.
SFX: SNIFF SNIFF
KAMI-TANI'S SCENT IS HERE.
WHAT? OH, YOU'RE HERE, ICHII?
AND--
KAMITANI'S STUDY UTENSILS...
HMM ...
WHOA... THERE ARE SKETCHES.
EH? WHAT'S THAT?

大暴れしてるよ!
パーティーはじまり
お酒のんじゃう
悪魔たちは大変だのんきにくつろいでいる。


IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN I WANNA BE EXTRA NAUGHTY!!
WHERE HAS KAMI-TANI GONE OFF TO?
OH?
GYAHA HAHA HAHA
THAT WOMAN KNOWS US WELL, DOESN'T SHE?

OTOWA PASS... MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS "SLEEPING PASS".
TLN: PASS AS IN A MOUNTAIN PASS
ON THIS PAGE ALONE THERE'S A FEELING OF MAGIC ENERGY.
HUH...
THIS...
MIGHT TURN OUT VERY BADLY.
SENSEI!
PLEASE WAKE UP, KOKUBO-SENSEI!!

YOU'VE SAVED ME A LOT OF TROUBLE
I THOUGHT TO INTERFERE WITH HER DREAMS AND LURE HER HERE TO THIS DESERTED SPOT BUT
DON'T YOU TOUCH SENSEI!!
WHAT DID YOU DO TO SENSEI!?
I AM BAKU
A DREAM-EATER
I HAUNT THE OTOWA PASS
AND EAT THE DREAMS OF PUNY HUMANS

UGHHH!
YOU HAPPEN TO BE A PARTICULARLY YOUKAI-ISH MEAL AFTER HER, I'LL TAKE MY TIME EATING YOU TOO, SO JUST WAIT QUIETLY.

IN HER DREAMS, MAYU KOKUBO MET YOUKAI...
Uh-Uhm
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NOW SHE'S MEETING THE REAL THING. ISN'T THAT NICE?
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N-NO, IT'S NOT!!!
I BEG OF YOU!! IT'S MY FAULT!
SO IF YOU'RE GOING TO EAT, EAT ME!!!
STOP IT!!!
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HOLD IT RIGHT THERE...
PAY ATTENTION!
THIS IS A SPECIAL LESSON!
HEY GUYS!!
S'CUSE ME
NNNH...
HEY, LIAR-WOMAN.
MGA

TLN: SHUNGYOSAI TAKANYUUDOU: ANOTHER FAMOUS YOUKAI NEAR THE KYOTO AREA

TLN: FAMOUS MUDDY ZOMBIE-LIKE YOUKAI

IT'S DAN GER OUS!
KYAA!
IT'S SO AMAZ-ING!!
EH?! IS THAT TRUE?
WOW! WOWEE! THEY'RE THE REAL DEAL!!
ZA SHIKI WARA SHIKO
.....
Ih...
TLN: A FEMALE FORM OF THE ZASHIKI WARASHI FROM BEFORE

I SWEAR... WHAT WAS THAT GIRL EVE TALKING ABOUT...?
OTHER-WISE YOU WILL BE SCALDED.
THAT'S JUST HOW I AM.
TAKE CARE NOT TO COME NEAR ME,
AND I AM YAKUBYOU-GAMI.
TLN: YAKUBYOU-GAMI IS A GOD OF PESTILENCE, OR A JINX (TO AT LEAST ONE PERSON)

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A DRE-AM ...?
DOT
A DREAM THAT CAME TRUE WITHOUT WAKING UP... THEY'LL ALWAYS BE BY MY SIDE...
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